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SUBJECT: VIGGEN STORY BREAKS IN EXPRESSEN

REF: MARTENS/WOODS TELECON OF JULY 25

- 1. PAO HAS OBTAINED PROVINCIAL EDITION OF EXPRESSEN CONTAINING NEWS OF US BLOCK OF VIGGEN SALE TO INDIA. TEXT TO FOLLOW SEPTEL.
- 2. EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY INFORMED MFA THAT STORY WAS OUT. MFA POSITION ON PRESS TREATMENT IS TO ANSWER TRUTHFULLY ANY DIRECT QUESTIONS BUT TO VOLUNTEER NOTHING. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO LINDER MEETING WITH SECRETARY WHICH HAS NOT BROKEN INTO PRESS. WE HAVE AGREED WITH MFA TO TAKE SIMILAR LINE INCLUDING MEETING WITH SECRETARY BUT ONLY IF ASKED IN A DIRECT QUESTION.
- 3. EXPRESSEN REPORTER IS ERIC SJOQUIST WHO IS TRAVELLING TO US ON SATURDAY JULY 29 ON IV GRANT AND MAY WELL SEEK FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION IN WASHINGTON.
- 4. MFA ASSUMES LEAK IS FROM SWEDISH SOURCE, INCIDENT-SECRET

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ALLY, SINCE NEWS HAD GRADUALLY BEEN SEEPING INTO WIDER CIRCLES OF SWEDISH BUREAUCRACY.
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